(c) The work is expected to be completed during the 9th five year plan subejct to availability of resources.

Concept for introduction of Rajdhani Expresses

1529. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether basic concept for introduction of Rajdhani expresses was to connect all State Capitals/UTs with New Delhi.

(b) if so, the details of Capitals connected so far independently;

(c) whether State Capitals of NE Region have been connected by only one Rajdhani Express, running thrice a week to Guwahati, which also carries passengers of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the plan of the Ministry of increase frequency and capacity of Guwahati bound Rajdhani Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Subejct to feasibility and commercial viability, Rajdhani Expresses have been introduced to connect State Capitals with Union Capital.

(b) Jammu, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Chennai, Secunderabad, Bhubaneswar, Calcutta, Patna & Guwahati.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. However, 2435/2436 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express (bi-weekly) is being introduced w.e.f. 11.1.1999. With this, Guwahati will be served by Rajdhani services on five days a week.

New train service between Indore and Ahmedabad

1530. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was hald between the Chief Minsiter of Gujarat and the Minister of Railways for starting a new train service between Indore and Ahmedabad, *via* Khandwa/Bhopal/Ratlam/Ujjain, etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he gave an assurance for starting the train service soon; and

(c) if so, by whan the proposal would materialise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Several requests including from Chief Minister, Gujarat have been received for introduction of a train between Indore and Ahmedabad. The matter has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Introduction of a train between Indore and Ahmedabad *via* Khandwa-Itarsi-Bhopal-Ujjain-Ratlam is not operationally feasible due to gauge variation as Indore-Khandwa section is Metre Gauge and Khandwa-Itarsi-Bhopal-Ujjain-Ratlam is a Broad Gauge section.

Containers missing from Tughlakabad Depot

1531. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many containers containing import consignment have reported missing from Inland Container Depot of

CONCOR at Tughlakabad, New Delhi, since 1993, till date, and the total value thereof; and

(b) what action has been taken by the concerned authorities on such missing of containers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There is no case of missing of containers containing import consignment from Inland Container Depot, Tughlakabad, New delhi since 1993 till date.

(b) Does not arise.

Strength/Manpower of DRM and ADRM

1532. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the authorised strength/manpower of DRM and ADRM in each Zone of Railway and the percentage of the reserved posts filled till October, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The authorised strength of DRMs and ADRMs is given below:

Zonal Railway	DRMS	ADRMs
Central	7	9
Eastern	7	10
Northern	8	10
North-Eastern	5	5
North-East Frontier	4	3
Southern	7	8
South-Central	6	7
South-Eastern	8	9
Western	8	8

These posts are general posts and are filled up by suitable officers working/ empanelled in the same Grade *i.e.* Rs. 18400-22400. No promotions, therefore, involved. There is no provision for reservation for any community in these posts.

रेलवे स्टेशनों और रेलगाड़ियों में पानी और खाद्य वस्तुओं की बिक्री

1533. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
प्रो० रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे स्टेशनों और रेलगाड़ियों में दूषित पानी तथा खाद्य वस्तुएं बेची जाती हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने किसी जांच के पश्चात् आपूर्तिकर्ताओं को जवाबदेह बनाया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और दोषी आपूर्तिकर्ताओं के खिलाफ सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है; और

(घ) रेलगाड़ियों तथा रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बिकने वाले पेय जल एवं खाद्य वस्तुओं की शुद्धता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) रेलों द्वारा की गई जांच के आधार पर मिनरल वाटर के चार ब्राण्डों की आपूर्ति को बंद कर दिया गया है और उनकी ठेकेदारी समाप्त कर दी गई है। खाद्य पदार्थों के नमूनों की जांच की गई थी और दोषी व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध उचित कार्रवाई की गई है।

(घ) खाद्य अपमिश्रण निवारण अधिनियम तथा गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण के तहत खाद्य पदार्थों और मिनरल वाटर नमूनों को नियमित रूप से इकट्ठा किया जाता है